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Monday February 17, 2014 NNS/NMHS JOINT SITE COUNCIL MINUTES

Karen called to order at 3:50p.m.

NNS- Adrienne Bostic, Karen Pala, Travis Moore, Tammy Berdahl, Janell Greiner, Margaret Gilman

NMHS- roll call

approval of agenda Moved -Mike Peek, 2nd Travis Moore

no minutes -

Public Comment -

NMHS - Dan's Principal report:

Staffing changes Title 7 tutor, Kelly Bruer left. Jake hired

PTA changes to come, new president in the works

moving from 3.5 FTE to 4.0 FTE in SPED

2014-2015 school year increased enrollment. Graduating 39 Seniors and bringing in 60 5th graders

Girls Basketball team on a 14-3 roll

Digital Learning Center - Certified staff member in an online setting - in the works to offer students more than would be traditionally offered at a small school. Goal is to help students be ready for online college courses. Looking at all core subjects.

comment: Mike Peek my son has taken online college courses and I think this is great. They could take high school courses or college courses.

NNS - Margaret's Principal report:

Enrollment - 362: Down a few from the beginning year.

Staffing - next year - slated to lose .5 staff currently

tenured contracts went out last week, district still waiting to finalize

gained an ELL tutor to share with NMHS (Naomi Parish)

Senator Markowski came to visit last month. Read a story with the primary classes. Had a question/answer session with the 3-5 grade students. The visit was very successful.

We presented art work with 6 students to the school board for school board appreciation

5th grade transition is going well

School forensics meet completed last week

Battle of the Books went well

One School, One Book for the Love of Reading Month has been a great success thus far

New Business

Early Release Days

NNS - Boys and Girls club has been vital to the success

working on combined project with NMHS on differentiated instruction using Cindy Strickland's book and model with use of KUD's

NMHS - working on aligning KUD's with the new state standards

Mike Peek comment: instead of early release he would rather see a whole day off, half as often

response: the way it is we still get a full contact day credit, as to students being left alone early: most have a similar schedule with an hour and a half difference.

what about a delayed start instead of an early release, a possibility

there is an issue with the block schedule from the NMHS stand point

90 minutes - is it a valuable amount of time

Key Performance Indicators

Dr. Atwater requested for input from site councils on these 8 performance indicators.

Reading and Math proficiency 3rd grade

NNS

Reading and math proficiency 5th grade

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Social emotional well being 5th grade
NNS, community, socioeconomic, etc.

Algebra I Grade 8

NMHS-Don't know how realistic this is

going Would all students need to be in 8th grade Algebra I? Would this be successful? Are kids ready? Are they

to miss something else by pushing so hard on Algebra I? Science correlation with math readiness?

5 high school credits end of 9th grade

NMHS goal is 6, not counting credit recovery

Social emotional well being 10th grade

how will they measure this

our teachers have the capacity to build relationships with students

% of seniors qualifying for APS

% of seniors with College credit or industry certification

comments: Mike Peek - I assume Dr. Atwater has researched this information. We are trying in all these areas already. These have been our goals all along.

Teacher reports:

Karen Pala:

Kinder - focus on Write Tools through the end of the year

1st grade - President Day writing using Write Tools "Big Ideas and Tell Me Mores"

2nd grade - K9 visit from the State Troopers

2/3 grade - Fish and game, ice fishing field trip

Adrienne Bostic:

3rd grade - fieldtrips to Civil Air Patrol, Wildlife Refuge, Ice Fishing, fish and game

4th grade - persuasive writing using The Write Tools

5th grade - Cinnamon Roll WEEK

SPED - Heidi Vann was essential in the success of the art and presentation during the school board meeting

NMHS:

Mass Choir, Kicked off spirit week for basketball, region ski meet: had just enough snow, Feb. 27th "Nikiski's Got Talent", community mural

Parent reports:

Travis Moore: Book fair during parent-teacher conferences week. Daughter ran it during conferences!

NMHS:

Kristine Doshe - My kids are tired. It's the time of year. Test Friday is a little overwhelming. Mass choir and band is in April.

Ben Carpenter - My kids understand block schedule. Have had a good start to 2nd semester.

1. Drug dogs in the school: Spoke to troopers and I need more information

2. PTA - last meeting. President status? She is abandoning her position. Hoping next meeting will have more attendance to move forward.

3. Sex Ed video is coming up from health class. If there is a video shown, can parents preview it? What is the content?

Classified:

NNS

NMHS- already covered. Block schedule going well.

Community:

Tammy Berdahl

Volleyball program 4-6 grade, 6 teams Jamboree coming up

Freestyle wrestling club

Fundraiser this Saturday

Aqua Zumba - March 1st

Spring Break Kids Camp 1-6 grades

Adult CoEd Volleyball League coming up next month
Craft Fair - April 19th
Mike Peek
Hiring a lot more kids out of Nikiski High School
issue is tardiness as an employee

Next Meeting:
NNS - April
NMHS - 2nd Tuesday of April

Adjourned at 5:11 p.m.